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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GUAYAQUIL PORT EXPANSION

REF: QUITO A-1, 1/14/74. QUITO A-10, 1/31/74

1. PALMER AND BAKER ENGINEERS, ON APRIL 22 SIGNED CONTRACT WITH GUAYAQUIL PORT AUTHORITY FOR DESIGN AND ENGINEERING STUDY OF EXPANDED PORT. PORT AUTHORITY ISSUED WORK ORDER OF FOLLOWING DAY AND STUDY IS NOW UNDER WAY, ACCORDING TO ABNER BEARD, P & B REPRESENTATIVE. WORK WILL BE IN TWO PHASES: FEASIBILITY STUDY, EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE MONTHS, AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, AN ADDITIONAL FIVE MONTHS CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ADDITIONAL BERTHS COULD BEGIN EIGHT MONTHS HENCE, HOWEVER MORE REALISTIC TIME FRAME IS ONE YEAR.

2. ALTHOUGH AWARD TO P & B WAS MADE IN JANUARY 1974, CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER REPORTING CONTRACT WAS NOT SIGNED UNTIL NOW. CONTRACT WAS HELD UP IN VARIOUS GOE AGENCIES WHOSE APPROVAL WAS REQUIRED. IN LAS FEW WEEKS, COMBINATION OF INQUIRIES BY THIS EMBASSY, SPUR BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND SEVERAL ARTICLES IN GUAYAQUIL PRESS CRITICIZING DELAY, UNDOUBTEDLY HELPED IN GETTING CONTRACT SIGNED. BEARD ARRIVED GUAYAQUIL PORT AUTHORITIES AND CALCULATES FOURTEEN - MONTH EFFORTS HAVE COST P & B A SUM WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCES U.S. FIRM'S PROFIT MARGIN.

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